(b) The local plan must describe the design framework for youth program design in the local area, and how the ten program elements required in §664.410 are provided within that framework.

(c) Local Boards must ensure appropriate links to entities that will foster the participation of eligible local area youth. Such links may include connections to:

(1) Local area justice and law enforcement officials;
(2) Local public housing authorities;
(3) Local education agencies;
(4) Job Corps representatives; and
(5) Representatives of other area youth initiatives, including those that serve homeless youth and other public and private youth initiatives.

(d) Local Boards must ensure that the referral requirements in WIA section 129(c)(3) for youth who meet the income eligibility criteria are met, including:

(1) Providing these youth with information regarding the full array of applicable or appropriate services available through the Local Board or other eligible providers, or One-Stop partners; and
(2) Referring these youth to appropriate training and educational programs that have the capacity to serve them either on a sequential or concurrent basis.

(e) In order to meet the basic skills and training needs of eligible applicants who do not meet the enrollment requirements of a particular program or who cannot be served by the program, each eligible youth provider must ensure that these youth are referred:

(1) For further assessment, as necessary, and
(2) To appropriate programs, in accordance with paragraph (d)(2) of this section.

(f) Local Boards must ensure that parents, youth participants, and other members of the community with experience relating to youth programs are involved in both the design and implementation of its youth programs.

(g) The objective assessment required under paragraph (a)(1) of this section or the individual service strategy required under paragraph (a)(2) of this section is not required if the program provider determines that it is appropriate to use a recent objective assessment or individual service strategy that was developed under another education or training program. (WIA section 129(c)(1).)

§664.410 Must local programs include each of the ten program elements listed in WIA section 129(c)(2) as options available to youth participants?

(a) Yes, local programs must make the following services available to youth participants:

(1) Tutoring, study skills training, and instruction leading to secondary school completion, including dropout prevention strategies;
(2) Alternative secondary school offerings;
(3) Summer employment opportunities directly linked to academic and occupational learning;
(4) Paid and unpaid work experiences, including internships and job shadowing, as provided in §§664.460 and 664.470;
(5) Occupational skill training;
(6) Leadership development opportunities, which include community service and peer-centered activities encouraging responsibility and other positive social behaviors;
(7) Supportive services, which may include the services listed in §664.440;
(8) Adult mentoring for a duration of at least twelve (12) months, that may occur both during and after program participation;
(9) Followup services, as provided in §664.450; and
(10) Comprehensive guidance and counseling, including drug and alcohol abuse counseling, as well as referrals to counseling, as appropriate to the needs of the individual youth.

(b) Local programs have the discretion to determine what specific program services will be provided to a youth participant, based on each participant’s objective assessment and individual service strategy. (WIA sec. 129(c)(2).)

§664.420 What are leadership development opportunities?

Leadership development opportunities are opportunities that encourage